

Report to	Melksham Area Board
Date of Meeting	12th December 2012
Title of Report	Community Funding

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider two Community Area Grant applications, two small grant applications, one councillor led initiative and the second tranche of funding for the Community Partnership.

i.Community Area Grants

Melksham & District guides wish to apply for £1,000 for improvements to the Guide HQ

Melksham Scout Group wish to apply for £1,000 to replace the broken sewage drains and make more accessible the outside space at the Scout Hut.

ii.Small grant applications

Keovil Village Hall Management Committee wish to apply for £210 towards the purchase of a projector screen.

Steeple Ashton Christmas lights group wish to apply for £350 towards the cost of the village Christmas tree lights and decorations.

iii.Councillor led initiative

Councillor Jon Hubbard seeks to award extended services £4,976 to run a participatory budgeting event for young people in Melksham who will be able to bid for funding for projects and a street based youth worker.

iv.Community Area Partnership

The Community Area Partnership wish to apply for the second tranche of funding to continue their work on the community plan on behalf of the area board

1. Background

- 1.1. Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them by the Deputy Leader and Cabinet member for Community Services (27 February 2010). Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance for funding.
- 1.2. In accordance with the Scheme of Delegation, any recommendation of an Area Board that is contrary to the funding criteria would need the approval of the Leader, the appropriate Cabinet Member or the Cabinet.
- 1.3. In accordance with the Area Board Grants Guidance officers are required to provide recommendations in their report, however, the decision to support applications and to what level is made by Wiltshire Councillors on this Area Board.
- 1.4. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting.
- 1.5. Melksham Area Board has been allocated a 2012/2013 budget of £49,731 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. Following allocation at previous Area Boards, this leaves a total budget of £8,528 for the 2012/2013 budget, in addition a sum of £4976 has been allocated for youth funding from a separate budget.
- 1.6. A decision has been made in 2012/2013 that paper copies of funding applications will no longer appear as part of the agenda in an attempt to reduce volume of paper used. However, the application forms will be available on the Wiltshire Council web site and hard copies available upon request.
- 1.7. The 2012/2013 funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website (www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards) or paper versions are available from the Community Area Manager.

Background documents used in the preparation of this Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Area Grant Application Pack 2012/13• Melksham Community Area Plan• Melksham Community Area Partnership work plan
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2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2012/13 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 2.2. There will be 1 further round of funding during 2012/13. The remaining will take place on;

- 6 February 2013

3. Environmental & Community Implications

Community Area Grants will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the community area, the extent and specifics of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1. Awards must fall within the Area Boards budget allocated to the Melksham Area Board.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Melksham Area Board will have a balance of £6,283 for Grants.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1. There are no specific Legal implications related to this report.

6. HR Implications

- 6.1. There are no specific HR implications related to this report.

7. Equality and Inclusion Implications

- 7.1. Community Area Grants give all local community and voluntary groups, an equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes.
- 7.2. Implications relating to individual grant applications are outlined within section 8 – “Officer Recommendations”.

8. Officer recommendations

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1	Melksham and District Guides	Improvements to the guide HQ	£1,000

- 8.1.1. The officer recommends this application is awarded
- 8.1.2. The application meets the grant criteria 2012/13
- 8.1.3. The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan; provide recreational activities for young people

8.1.4. The application meets locally agreed/area board priorities

8.2. Melksham and District Guides are a not- for- profit organisation.

8.2.1. The project addresses equality and inclusion issues, enabling all young people to participate in recreation..

8.2.2. Should the Area Board make a decision not to fund the project the project will be delayed as further funding will need to be sought

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
9	Melksham Scout Group	To replace the broken sewage drains and make more accessible the outside space at the Scout Hut	£1,000

9.1.1. Officer recommends the application is awarded

9.1.2. The application meets the grant criteria 2012/13

8.2.3. The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan: provide recreational activities for young people

9.1.3. The application meets locally agreed/area board priorities

9.1.4. The applicant is a not for profit organisation..

9.1.5. The project will provide a safe space for camp fire and benches for young beavers and a fire pit area for young adults.

9.1.6. Equality and Inclusion are the main focus of this project

9.1.7. If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project the project will need to find funding elsewhere.

9.2. Small Grants

Ref	Applicants	Project proposal	Funding requested
9.3.	Keevil Village Hall Management Committee	Purchase of a projector screen	£210.

9.3.1. Officer recommends the application is awarded

9.3.2. The application meets the grant criteria 2012/13

9.3.3. The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan: supporting adults and young people.

9.3.3. The application meets locally agreed/area board priorities

9.3.4. The applicant is a not for profit organisation..

9.3.5. This project will provide an opportunity for a range of groups from within the village and parish to use ICT resources within the village hall

9.3.6. If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project the project will need to find more funds to progress

Ref	Applicants	Project proposal	Funding requested
9.4.	Steeple Ashton Christmas lights	Provide Christmas tree decorations and lights for village.	£3500

9.4.1. This project will enable the community to get together and gather for events around the Christmas tree in the local village. This project will provide a focus for the village, young people and older people and help to keep the community spirit-that was demonstrated during the diamond jubilee, alive. The officer recommends the small grant is awarded.

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9.5.	Councillor Led Initiative	Support extended services to run a participatory budgeting event for young people and street based youth work.	£4,976

9.5.1. This project will enable extended services to run another successful event on behalf of the Area Board for young people. The young people will put forward their plans for projects in their own locality and bid on them within a participatory budgeting format and also for the continuation of street based youth work. The officer recommends that the grant is awarded.

Ref	Applicants	Project proposal	Funding requested
9.6.	Community Area Partnership	2 nd Tranche of the funding to support the development and implementation of the local community plan	£4999

9.6.1. A full and detailed work plan is provided and the officer recommends the 2nd Tranche of the core funding for the partnership is awarded

Appendices:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Appendix 1 Grant application Melksham and District Guides 2. Appendix 2 Grant application Melksham Scouts 3. Appendix 3 Grant application Keevil Village Hall 4. Appendix 4 Grant application Steeple Ashton Village lights Group 5. Appendix 5 Grant application Councillor led initiative Extended services 6. Appendix 6 2nd Tranche of Core funding application Melksham Community Area Partnership
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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